

## EUROPE.

French Opinion of Bonaparte's Amendments to the Constitution.

Bishop Strossmayer's Position in the Papal Council—The Sword Stole and Tumult.

The Austrian Cabinet Crisis and Austrian Commerce.

The Unruly Mail Steamship Cuba, Captain Moodie, from Liverpool the 2d and Queenstown the 3d of April, arrived at this port at an early hour yesterday morning. The German mail steamship Hermann, Captain Reichmann, from Bremen March 30 and Havre April 2, arrived at this port yesterday morning.

By the arrivals named above we have our special European correspondence and mail reports, in detail or our cable news telegrams, one day later than the advices which were published in the HERALD yesterday.

The sum allowed to Mrs. Ellen Howard, who on behalf of her infant son, the claimant to the earldom of Wicklow, has been permitted by the English House of Lords to plead *in forma pauperis*, is £200. This sum will have to be provided out of the Fee Fund of the House.

The London Court of Divorce dissolved marriage, on March 31, between not less than fifteen ill-assorted couples who had "loved neither wisely nor well." They were all persons in humble life.

The costs of the trial at Tours are to be paid by Prince Pierre. They include 25,000 francs compensation to the family of Victor Napoléon. In addition to this the Prince bestows 20,000 francs on the poor of the city of Tours. The penalty of the homicide has been, therefore, a loss on the whole of 140,000 francs, or £26,000 plus a year's banishment.

Paris *Progrès* of April 2, evening, says:—

Prince Pierre Bonaparte left Paris on Wednesday night for Havre by the 12.10 train. He was accompanied by an ex-commissary of police of Levallois-Perret. Reaching that port at five in the morning the Prince embarked immediately for America. The Prince and his children, report says, are about to depart for Switzerland.

The Havre journals of the same day do not make any mention of the embarkation of the Prince. At present nothing was known at the railway station of his having passed along the line from Paris.

The eldest son of the late Prince Henri de Bourbon arrived in Paris. He went at once to the residence of ex-Queen Isabella.

*Indépendance Belge* has the following:—

The Austrian Ministry has just laid before the Reichsrath the Electoral-bill, which is to comprise probably the most liberal of general reforms. A portion of it is that M. Gisra, whose resignation has not yet been officially accepted, presented, as Minister of the Interior, by writing, the same bill which had been the motive for his offered retirement.

The Austrian government shows that the value of the total imports and exports of the country in 1869 amounted to 828,907,633 florins (two francs fifty centimes each). The former compared with the preceding year present an increase of 24,180,454 florins, and the latter of 4,400,711 florins. The customs produced a sum of 18,015,321 florins, against 17,622,803 florins in 1868.

Baron Hubert, ex-Ambassador of Austria at Paris and Rome, and now residing in the latter city, is preparing a history of Sixtus V., in three volumes, one of which is entirely composed of judicatory documents derived from the archives of Venice, Florence, Rome and the German chanceries.

Garibaldi has written to the Italian journals to deny the statement that he received a legacy of 300,000 florins from a Swiss lady.

The Nord of Brussels makes the subjunctive observations:—

The Ministerial crisis in Wurtemberg has had a solution of an unexpected and, one may say, a crushing character for the democratic opposition, as the principle of the new constitution creates no truce. The Ministerial crisis was not a real one, but the place is held by General de Suttkow, a name still more detested by the democrats, and the new organization of the Ministry is the sign of a decided attack upon the in Prussia and anti-democratic sense.

A despatch from Madrid of the 29th of March says:—

In 10-day's sitting of the Cortes the government, though not hostile enough had had place in Cuba, stating that such could not occur again, in the only body of troops at present traversing the island was a body of 900 men, under the command of a colonel.

A young Czech priest, in the Church of St. Gallus, at Prague, chose the infidelity of the Pope as the subject of a Lent sermon, and in a fiery discourse declared himself an opponent of the dogma with which the Holy Father proposes "to bless the nineteenth century." It is worth of remark that the Czech, a weekly journal in the Bohemian language published in Prague, has also recently entered the lists as an antagonist of the new doctrine.

The London Echo learns from a reliable private source that the quiet and rest which Mr. Bright is enjoying are producing a most favorable effect on his health. The right honorable gentleman goes out almost every day, "but by the advice of physicians abstains from everything tending to excitement, and reads no newspapers."

A bill is about being brought into the English Parliament to establish a court to which condemned murderers may appeal from their sentences.

The London *Watchman* says a statement was being extensively circulated that some nine hundred Wesleyan ministers had signed a protest against the Gladstone government's measure of elementary education. If so, adds the writer, "it should be distinctly understood that such a proposition is simply against the power given to the local board to determine the character of the religious teaching in schools supported by rates against the present form, and limitations of the conscience clause, and against the interference of inspectors with religious instructions."

We have received, by the Brindisi route, and England, advices from Bombay to the 13th of March. The papers supply the following items of news:

Mrs. Mary Carpenter, wife of Dr. Richard, Mr. Fox, the explorer, who has been unsuccessful in an attempt to penetrate Thibet and China from Sibylia, has returned to Calcutta and intends to go to England. The government of India was asked by Mr. Fox to give him a grant to explore Abyssinia, in order to avert the murders of Mr. Dutton. The Viceroy is reported to have replied that he was nothing whatever to do with the affairs of Egypt or Abyssinia, but to have authorized the political agent at Aden to communicate anything of importance that may come to his knowledge to her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

FRANCE.

What the French People Say of the Bonaparte Reforms—The United States Constitution as Model.

The opinions expressed by the Paris journals on the new *Sénatus Consulte* are remarkable for their variety, as since some journals express the utmost satisfaction, others—the demo-ristic organists—that the only true mode of effecting a change in the constitution is an appeal to the people in the form of a plebiscite, and others again—also of the advanced party—are opposed most strongly to the reserve inserted in the new document, of the Emperor's right on critical occasions, to leave the Chamber of Deputies and apply directly to the nation for its support.

The Paris *Publiciste* says:—

The *Publiciste* proposes to become the spokesman of the nation, it is the charter, voted by the people, submitted for the one written by its delegates. Independence of it and the essential article which it contains, as well as the other articles, are to be considered as constitutive of public powers, everything will be law—this is to say, that in future the determination of affairs will be submitted to the people, and that the sovereign will be represented by the sovereign. In case of modifications being made in this popular compact, the nation alone can be considered as the judge.

The *Memorial Diplomatique* has some gentle strictures on one point of the new provisions—the nomination of the Senate—but, with that exception, it highly praises the new plan in the following words:—

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